

Tulare County Domestic Violence Task Force
April 25' 2006

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Linda Compo-Blazich. Introductions were made. Minutes were approved. Joan Cuadra was assigned to take minutes.

In Attendance: : Cheri Lehner, Judge Krant, Elvia Chavez, Vern McNair, Joan Cuadra, Linda Compo-Blazich, Joan Cuadra

Sub Committee Reports:

Web Page Committee: Linda reviewed local training opportunities.. She also suggested that we look at the web page and provide feedback.

Outreach Committee: Joan Cuadra gave her report on the outreach committee. She stated that Commissioner Perez and herself had met and conducted an informal survey regarding local activities around educating the public. Joan reviewed the individual responses from local agencies. She also announced the Family Services has announced that they will be coordinating local events during October in recognition of Domestic Violence Month.

Training Committee: Linda reported on the upcoming training in Fresno on Sept. 18th. Pat Foster discussed new classes for batterers treatment program staff. restraining orders and dispelling the myths

Linda announced that Family Service has a DV support group every Tuesday from 6 to 7pm She also announced that Family services will be providing services for victims that are interested in dropping their restraining orders. Family Services will train Proteus on the procedures. A discussion was held regarding a letter that was sent to Judge Vortman Regarding procedures for dismissing restraining orders. Judge Krant emphasized that judges cannot order victims to attend classes.

Linda commented that Family Services is now offering a DV awareness class for the partners of batterers.

Judge Krnat discussed ways to assist the victims in not dropping the RO. She stressed the importance of getting the focus off the victims and onto the judges. It takes time and patience.

Linda reported on the Child Death Review Team

Discussion was held regarding the creation of a local death review team.

Cheri discussed "in house" training needs .

LE cards are done. Victim witness will get things printed.

Submitted by Joan Cuadra